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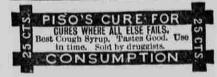
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A sub-soil plow, a harrow, a roller, and a cultivator are all good things in their proper place and time; but there possible by means of it. The continuity are soils in which the deeper you go the are stages in plant growth when the use of either a roller or any other implement is agricultural spicide Because these are facts maintainable against all argument, and because so many hundreds of thousands of my readers are farmers, I wish to make these out-of-door truths the start- name, ing point for another "Rambling Thought."

morial been likened to a field, a vineyard, ing Berlin at midnight, and when the etc., wherein laborers are needed to plow | chief of the wagon-lit woke us at seven And the call to thrust-in as the field is white unto harvest has always found increasing response since the moment when man first began to understand were drawn over the hills as far as the solute needs have been attended to.

But enthusiasm in relation to good work has to be combined with commongry fed, so many souls saved, etc.- that | urging one to do, and it must give a man | in Harper's Magazine for February, the real object of the humanizing work, a sensation of pride to see the surveyors' there some extra enthusiastic one instead all that lies within those stakes belongs 1,259,979 03 of trying, or pretending to try, to water to him, but imagine what it must be to 13.369.073 33 where others have planted, starts his stake out the half of Europe, planting NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. unswerving plow or his drastic harrow your painted posts from the Arctic ocean right over the growing crops and stand to the Pacific, from the borders of ing sheaves of others, excusing himself Austria and Hungary down to the the work of others, but he wastes his on to China, saying, as it were, "Keep own strength by doing at an improper out, please; this belongs to me." own time and place.

as to economize the moral strength of a them only by stooping. neighborhood Eagerness to work is Between these log bouses were roads

What then is said to your heart this acknowledge to yourself that the stone age has passed, when every man's enemy was the very next man be happened to meet; that the iron age is passing, when men learn the power of combination but use it for progression; that the golden age is coming, when the co-operaion of those who love, for the benefit of hose who suffer, must be the rule. It it be true that a man thinks in his heart, so is he, then you will promptly be found ready to torego the praise of men, ready to seek the greatest good for the greatest cumber even if your own personality secomes merged in the common effort.

Would it not be of advantage to form in your town-what shall I mame it?a "Get-Together" society? Its member ship to be made up of those who in di vers ways are working for the benefit of the race. Its function to be a sort of clearing house of ideas, where those who workgive the benefits of their experience. thus economizing the strength that is now wasted and the damage that is done by those who laboriously work out planfor themselves that others have already of ice untily learned. You will say perhaps. that this is not feasible, because carl worker will be on the watch against giving advantage to anyone else. You may be right, but if you are, you are voicing the deepest protest that tallen humanity can raise against the workers for good. The poor object of their solicitous attention is pulled one way and then the other until he cries out "I would rather go one way wrong, than travel twenty different ways to be right." It the ability to combine, which has been such a no able discovery among men -a discovery that has led him upward rom caves in the earth to our present highly organized civilization-if, I say this ability is to stop short when it comes to moral effort, it were almost better that it had remained undiscov-

ered.

nature is vocal of the value of combination, and of growth by combination; all history proclaims it; and all heights of of life in nature assures us in no uncer--yours. Then, human tellow, begin to think and to prepare for the generations yet to come, who will look for blessings from your hands just as rightfully as you enjoy the blessings that come from those before you, whom you cannot even

On the Road to Moscow.

We started for Moscow ten days be-Humanity has from time imme- fore the date set for the coronation, leav-

minutes of the custom house. window-panes miles of dark green grass animal.

the sodden prairie. the reaching of human hearts, is almost stakes at the corners of his town site or lost to sight in the rush. Then, here and | homestead holding, and to know that by asserting that their methods have shores of the Black sea, to the Pamirs, in been wrong. Thus he not only undoes the very face of the British outposts, and

time a thing essentially proper in its | The land on either side of the track was as level as our Western prairie, but broken here and there with woods of So while our voices should undoubtedly trembling birch and dark fir trees. Seatbe raised in strength these closing years | tered villages lay at great distances from of the century for freedom for all to one another, and almost even with the work as they will, wisdom being justic soil, their buts of logs and mud sellom fied of her children, there is equal need standing higher than one story, and with for securing a certain unity of effort, so doors so low that a tall man could enter

the child that pulls up corn to see it grow, into rivers of mud, and which seemed to or that tears open a drum to see where lead to nowhere, but to disappear from the sound comes from. The human race, off the face of the earth as soon as they looking backward, can truly say, "when I had reached the last of each group of was a child * * * I thought as a buts. There were no stores nor tayerns child"; but it is not yet able to say, nor town halls visible from the car winwhen I became a man, I put away dows, such as one sees on our Western childish things." If it could, we should prairie. Instead there were always the ser less pertiness, indirectness, and sin-same low-rooted buts of logs painted pidity among those who claim to be brown, the church of two stories in the children of light, and yet grope in the centre, the wide muddy road straggling schish, narrow stages of human develope | down to the station, the fields where men and women ploughed the rich chocolate-colored soil, and, overhead, countless flocks of crows that swept like week? You need in deep humility to black clouds across the sky. When the villages ceased the marshes began, and from them tall heron and bittern rose and sailed heavily away, answering the shrill whistle of the locomotive with their hoarse, melancholy cries. There are probably no two kinds of bird so depressing in every way as are the heron and the crow, and they seemed to typity the whole country between Alexandrov and Moscow, where, in spite of the sun that shone brilliantly and the bright moist green of the grass, there was no sign of movement or mirth or pleasure, but, instead, a hopeless, dreary silence, and the marks of an unceasing struggle for the base right to exist.

The railroad stations were the only bright spots on our housen. They Inhanowers at that the next are stend in hunches of non n and buch was know when we should nerive at on seives in dei done, and cold caviare, one. It is always well to take

Arevery cross-road there were little semi-official stations, with the lences and gates around them painted with the s not for nothing that we are passing | side of the tracks for over a mile, so that | Fint Bros.' drog store.

through our little day on earth. All the country had the appearance of one vast lumber yard.

These piles of wood, and the black and white striped fences, and the frequent its productive powers, Consul Hyatt at moral power and accomplishment are spectacle of a lonely child guarding one poor cow or a halt-starved horse, with no other sign of life within miles of them. more you impoverish your farm, and there tain way of the continuity of effort-ours were the three things which seemed to us to be the most conspicuous and characteristic features of the 800 miles that climatic conditions, should entitle her to stretch from the German border to the ancient capital.

All that we saw of the moujiks was at the stations, where they were gathered in silent, apathetic groups to watch the train come and go. The men were of a fine peasant type, big-boned and strong looking, with sad, unenlightened faces. They neither laughed nor joked, as loungers around the railroad station are wont to do at home, but stood staring, with and to harrow, to reap and to garner. the next morning we were within 15 their hands in their sleeves, watching the voyagers with a humble, distressed look It was raining, and outside of the wet like that of an uncomprehending dumb

They all wore long, greasy coats of that the claims of his neighbor are ur- eye could see. No houses, no people, no sheepskin, cut in loosely at the waist gent upon him the moment his own ab. cattle, no living thing of any kind moved and spreading out like a frock to below under the low dark skies or rose from their knees; on their feet the more wellto-do wore boots. The legs and feet of It was a gloomy picture of emptiness | the others were wrapped closely in long and desolation, a landscape without linen bandages, and bound with thongs sense; it certainly must be ahead of it, character or suggestion, and as I sur- of rawhide or plaited straw. All the or we shall find ourselves embarked in veyed it sleepily I had a disappointed men had the inevitable flat cap, which another fateful Children's Crusade, like feeling of being cheated in having come seems to be the national badge of Russia, that of the middle ages. Enthusiasm so far to find that the Russian steppes and their hair was long and clipped off alone will sink us into helplessness, just | were merely our Western prairie. But | evenly in a line with their shoulders. The as with the rearing and the straining of even as this was in my mind the scene women dressed exactly like the men. a mired horse. To make amply clear changed, and lived with meaning and with the same long sheepskin coats and my meaning I will go a little further. significance, for as the train rushed on high boots, so that it was only possible There is hardly a community in which there rose out of the misty landscape a to distinguish them by the kerchief each you will fail to find men and women tall white pillar painted in bold black wore round her head. They were short working for the benefit of their race from stripes. And I knew that it signalled to and broad in stature, and so much the purest motives at the outset. But Germany and to all the rest of the world, smaller than their husbands and sons 729 184 32 in almost as many communities you will "So far can you go and no farther," and that they seemed to belong to another ing one another. So eager becomes the the Great White Czar. It must be a fine figure showed any marked trace of femistraining after statistical pre-eminence- thing to "own your own home," as the nine grace or beauty. - [From "The so many garments made, so many hun- realestate advert sements are constantly | Coronation," by Richard Harding Davis,

Sunday School Libraries. Edward W. Bok has been making a careful and comprehensive examination of Sunday School libraries, and in the February Ladies' Home Journal he confesses himself disgusted with the literature thus placed in the hands of our boys and girls. A less complete investigation, Mr. Bok says, would not have made it possible for him to believe that the libraries of our Sunday Schools were stocked with such piles of rubbish-"wishy-washy literature," as he terms it. He quotes the titles and gives the themes of a number or books he obtained from Sunday School libraries, and these seem to completely warrant his conclusions. "Such books," be contends, "are an insult to the intelligence of the young people, and have a pernicious influence. Instead of being healthy books they are decidedly unhealthy in tone and teaching. Surely we are cultivating a dangerous taste for reading in the young when we feed then on such rubbish."

Mr. Bok unhesitatingly lays a part of the blame upon the publication boards and societies, which are influenced by a denominational spirit that narrows their that the most mediocre sort of "takint" is employed to write these books, and that beggarly prices-less than \$80 per book-are paid. A share of responsibility, Mr. Bok asserts, rests upon the men who purchase Sanday School libraries, who, as is most frequently the case, are not qualified for the task, and who se object is to secure a bbrary as cheap as possible. Mr. Bok warmly urges that the selection of Sunday School books be left to women, who "instinctively know and seel the kind of a book which a boy or girl will read and enjoy." He insists that women should begiven carte blanche to make the selections so far as the prescribed amount of money will go. "A "A Sunday School library cannot be 1806. created in a day, and no discouragement should be felt if the financial means of the clurch are contracted, and accession

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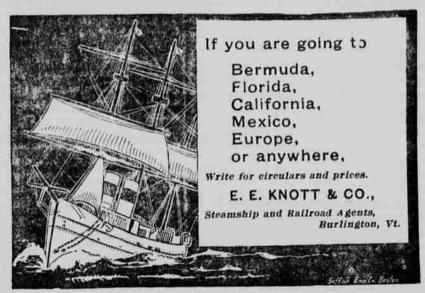
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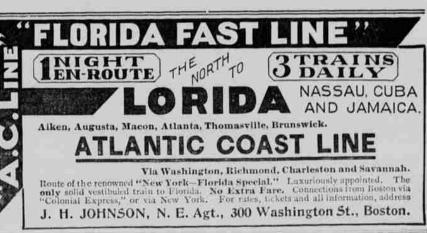
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